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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IVSN-AUTOVON INTERCONNECT

1. NICSMA HELD A MEETING WITH NORTH ELECTRIC CO REPS (IVSN CONTRACTOR) ON 12 MAY 78 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT ABOVE. WE PROVIDE A SHORT SUMMARY OF PERTINENT POINTS DISCUSSED, AND WE WILL PROVIDE A COPY OF NICSMA'S MINUTES OF THE MEETING AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

2. DURING DISCUSSIONS, NORTH REPS DISCLOSED THAT THE CURRENT CONTRACT DID NOT REQUIRE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "OFF-NET" DIALING FEATURE. (FYI: OFF-NET DIALING IS BASED ON A 9XX PREFIX CONCEPT FOR A 10-DIGIT DIALING SCHEME WHERE ALL OFF-NET CALLS START WITH DIGIT 9. END FYI.) TO IMPLEMENT THE SUBSCRIBER (IVSN) TO SUBSCRIBER (VON) SERVICE WITHOUT REQUIRING A SECOND DIAL TONE, NORTH MUST IMPLEMENT THE OFF-NET DIAL FEATURE. SINCE THIS FEATURE IS ALSO
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REQUIRED FOR INTERCONNECTING TO ANY OUTSIDE ALLIED SYSTEM, TACTICAL OR STRATEGIC, WE WILL CAREFULLY EXAMINE OUR COST SHARE SINCE THE US INTERCONNECT REQUIREMENTS ARE ONLY THE FIRST OF MANY TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY NICSMA.

3. THE NORTH REP ALSO STATED THAT THE TRANSIT REQUIREMENT REQUESTED BY SHAPE IS NOT AS STRAIGHTFORWARD TO IMPLEMENT

AS THE SUBSCRIBER-TO-SUBSCRIBER REQUIREMENT. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE CUT-OFF DATE TO IMPLEMENT EITHER FEATURE WITHOUT AFFECTING DELAY IN THE PROGRAM HAS ALREADY BEEN PASSED. (COMMENT: WE WILL QUESTION THIS CONTENTION IF NORTH PROPOSES ANOTHER SLIP IN THE PROGRAM. END COMMENT.)

4. THE NORTH REP CONCLUDED BY ARRANGING A JUNE MEETING AT NORTH ELECTRIC AT WHICH NORTH WILL PROVIDE A FIRM PROPOSAL FOR IMPLEMENTING THE OFF-NET DIALING FEATURE, AND AT WHICH NICSMA WILL FURTHER DETAIL ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR INTER-CONNECTION IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE OPTIONAL APPROACHES NORTH SHOULD PURSUE. NORTH ELECTRIC WILL THEN PROVIDE NICSMA A FIRM PROPOSAL FOR THIS STUDY EFFORT BY 1 JUL 78 IN ORDER TO ALLOW NICSMA TO SEEK AND OBTAIN FUND AUTHORIZATION FROM NATO TO PURSUE THE STUDY. THE METHOD OF IMPLEMENTATION WILL MOST LIKELY BE A MODIFICATION TO THE IVSN CONTRACT.

5. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. WE FORESEE NO NEED FOR ANY FURTHER US ACTION AT THIS TIME.
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